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St. Stanislaus and the Bay High and Hancock girls teams advance at state.

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Celebrating Black History

Bay St. Louis has been a center of religious freedom for African-Americans since the 1920s.

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Black History program at Macedonia Church

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Waveland will host its 17th annual Black History program this Friday, starting at 7:30 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. Artmise Clemens, pastor of St. Paul AME Church in Gulfport.

Off-site pet adoptions in Waveland Saturday

The Waveland Animal Shelter assisted by Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County will host off-site pet adoptions this Saturday at Waveland Kmart from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each pet will have first set of shots, a worming, free vet check, rabies shot and will be spayed or neutered and will be microchipped.

BHS Community Night

Bay High School library-media center will host "community night" today from 6-8 p.m. For more, call 467-7267.

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Thurs. 10:12 p.	8:44 a.

The Krewe of Real People parade rolls through Bay St. Louis Tuesday before a record crowd, and without incident. For more photos, see page 8A Below: A family enjoys the St. Paul Carnival Association parade in Pass Christian. For more St. Paul photos, see page 1B.



BY GEOFF BELCHER

News Editor

literally thousands of people – including visitors from as far away as Minnesota and Wisconsin – hit Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis this week for Carnival.

The St. Paul Carnival Association rolled on Sunday, and lived up to its reputation as one of the premiere events on the Coast. Though Hwy. 90 and its environs were nearly covered

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12 pounds of cocaine seized in I-10 bust

Drugs discovered in truck radiator after routine stop

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Hancock County deputies stopped a truck around 2 a.m. on Sunday, January 22, on I-10 for a traffic violation, which led to the discovery of approximately 12.5 pounds of cocaine in the radiator, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Narcotics Division Agent Clifton (Bubba) Malley said, "While Lt. Tim Broder and Deputy Nathan Jewell were on a routine patrol, they observed a truck weaving on the highway, after following it for several miles, they stopped the vehicle.

Permission was received from the driver and passenger to search the vehicle. During the consensual search of the engine compartment, Lt. Broder and Deputy Jewell noticed

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Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas
Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Lt. Tim Broder, right, and Deputy Nathan Jewell display hollowed out radiator which contained approximately 12.5 pounds of cocaine confiscated early Sunday morning, following a traffic violation stop on I-10.

Man arrested in theft of investigator's truck

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A Pearl River resident has been arrested in connection with the theft of Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt's truck, according to Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber.

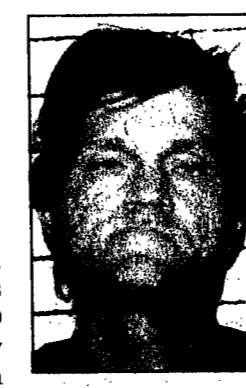
Hurt's truck was stolen from his Waveland residence on the night of Feb. 5, and recovered by St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Deputies on Feb. 9, after it had been abandoned.

Investigator Tom Roan on

Wednesday said, "James Carver, 43, of Pearl River County, was arrested at approximately 2:30 a.m. at his residence by Deputy Tim Campbell in connection with Hurt's truck theft."

The entire Hancock Sheriff's Investigation team, Waveland Police and other law enforcement agencies, have been working on the truck's theft, according to Hurt.

"On Friday, Feb. 20, I received



James Carver, a 43-year-old Pearl River County resident, was arrested Wednesday for the alleged theft of Hancock County Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt's pick-up truck.

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Two 14-year-olds nabbed for theft

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Alert Diamondhead neighbors led to the detention of two 14-year-olds in connection with the theft of a purse from a vehicle on Monday, according to Hancock County Investigator John Luther.

Luther said, "Neighbors saw two young males in the woods going through a purse. They called the

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Bay St. Louis: A center of religious freedom

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Since the 1920s, when St. Augustine Seminary brought the Divine Word Missionaries and the Society of the Divine Word to the area in 1923, Bay St. Louis has been a center for religious freedom for all races.

The Seminary began as dream of Father Matthew Christmann, a member of the Society of the Divine Word. Christmann came to the United States from Germany to work among black Catholics in Mississippi at the turn of the century.

In 1924 St. Rose Parish was established for the black Catholics in the area and in 1926 the St. Rose de Lima Church opened its doors on land donated by Our Lady of the Gulf Church. For the first time black Catholics in the area had their own church and did not have to occupy the rear pews, that they were restricted to, in predominantly white churches. The presence of these two institutions has been an inspiration for unity for the whole community.

Christmann noticed that though Protestant churches were flourishing, there were few black Catholics. To Christmann, the problem seemed to stem from the fact that there were no black priests, whereas there were many black Protestant ministers.

It was Christmann's theory that pastors who were more like the parishioners that they ministered to were more successful in drawing and keeping church members. At that time there was no where in the United States where blacks were allowed to go for training for the vocation of the priesthood. The S.V.D. trained priests continue to serve St. Rose parish and other parishes throughout the world.

Christmann took his idea of opening a seminary to train blacks for the priesthood to his colleagues, who were in total support of the idea. At the end of 1920, St. Augustine opened in Greenville and three years later moved to its present location in Bay St. Louis. That same year Pope Pius XI sent his blessing for the school through a letter.

Unfortunately Christmann did not live to the end of the 14 year training period to see the first priests ordained in 1934, but died suddenly in 1929 at the age of 41, leaving a legacy that would forever change the face of American Catholicism.

On May 23, 1934 the first four graduates were ordained by Bishop Richard Gerow at a ceremony attended by more than 2,000 people. The new

responsibility learning the skills to deal with the prejudices that they would likely encounter after ordination.

"In some ways they were stricter here in the training because of what might be in store after graduation," said retired St. Rose de Lima priest Father Armand Theriault.

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Cocaine -- bust on I-10

modifications to the truck's radiator."

Malley continued the officer's report, "Upon closer inspection, it was revealed that the radiator not only served as the engine cooling system, it also contained a hidden compartment. The deputies accessed a trap door located under the radiator and discovered the packages of cocaine."

The Hancock County Sheriff's Narcotics Division was alerted and Agent Chris Russell, who is in charge of the narcotics investigation responded.

The vehicle's driver, Miguel A. Urena-Aguilar and passenger, Federico Cervantes Gonzalez, both of Guadalajara, Mexico, were charged with the alleged possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

They were transported and lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility in lieu of \$150,000 each, Malley said.

On Monday, Lt. Broder said, "It was neat the way the radiator was modified to carry the cocaine in a hollowed out section at the bottom and still worked to cool the engine."

Officers reports they are



Hancock County deputies seized around 12 pounds of cocaine Monday after a traffic stop on I-10. The cocaine was hidden in the vehicle's radiator. The vehicle's driver, Miguel A. Urena-Aguilar and passenger, Federico Cervantes Gonzalez, both of Guadalajara, Mexico, were charged with the alleged possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

holding the 1992 Chevrolet Silverado pending forfeiture proceedings.

Also assisting in the drug seizure was Jason J. Perjean, of the Immigrant

Customs Enforcement Reserve Deputy Clarence Hall.



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Theft

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to search the place where Carver was apprehended. A jacket of Hurt's left in the locked truck the night it was stolen was also recovered, Roan said.

"During initial questioning Carver gave information saying he removed the truck from Hurt's residence. Then drove it to St. Tammany Parish where he dropped it off and was picked up and returned to his residence," Roan reported.

Carver has been charged with felony theft of a motor vehicle and firearms and felony possession of firearms. His bond was set at \$250,000 and is lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility, according to Roan.

Assisting Roan in the recent investigation included, Investigators John Luther and Andre' Fizer.

The investigation continues, Hurt added.

Five arraigned again in scheme

BY MATT VOLZ
Associated Press Writer

The five defendants in an alleged judicial bribery scheme were arraigned on Monday for a second time on a new indictment that adds extortion to existing charges of bribery, fraud and racketeering.

Supreme Court Justice Oliver Diaz Jr., his ex-wife Jennifer, attorney Paul Minor, and former judges Wes Teel and John Whitfield pleaded innocent in U.S. District Court in Jackson on Monday.

A trial date has not been set. The new indictment canceled the original trial date of March 1, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

A hearing will be held by U.S. District Judge Henry Wingate on March 5 to determine the status of the case and decide on a schedule. It is the second time since last summer the five have been arraigned in the alleged scheme in which Minor is accused of providing cash, loans and gifts to the judges in exchange for favorable decisions.

The new indictment, released by the U.S. Attorney's Office last

Friday, added charges that Minor tried to extort money for Diaz from two attorneys whose case was before the Supreme Court.

Minor allegedly told the attorneys that Diaz had swung the Supreme Court's vote in favor of their client, and then asked for \$20,000 for Diaz while the court considered a motion to rehear the case.

The indictment also expands the dates of Minor's alleged involvement with Diaz to 1994, when Diaz was on the Court of Appeals.

Attorneys for Minor and Oliver Diaz have denied the charges and said prosecutors should not have brought new charges so close to the trial date.

Robert McDuff, Diaz's attorney, said Monday that he is preparing a motion to dismiss the new charges.

The Diazes have a similar motion already pending. That and other motions, including a gag order request by the U.S. Attorney's Office to prevent the defendants' attorneys from talking to the media, are likely to be taken up at the March 5 hearing.

and charged with burglary of a vehicle," Luther said.

One of the 14-year-olds is already on probation from Youth Court, Luther added.

"Alert Diamondhead neighbors really helped in solving this crime," Luther emphasized.

Little League Softball registration

Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball at Lakeshore Field will hold registration on Saturday, February 28th from 10am until 2pm at Waveland Market Center and Diamondhead Supermarket for girls ages 5-18. Registration is \$25 and raffle tickets are available to sell toward the fee. A copy of birth certificate must also be provided. Adults wishing to volunteer as coaches or umpires must complete a volunteer application and provide a copy of driver's license for background check. For more information call 467-1291 or 467-4220.

BSL Babe Ruth Baseball registration

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Baseball League will conduct registration for children ages 4 through 15 years at the Bay St. Louis baseball complex on Athletic Drive on the following dates: Wednesday, March 3rd between 5:30 and 8 p.m.; Monday, March 8 between 5:30 and 8 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 10 between 5:30 and 8 p.m. For more, call Kelly Cannon 467-2323 or Ronnie Artigues 466-9375.

Opinion

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Well, Mardi Gras 2004 is now history and will be marked by the fact many revelers received a good drenching at several of the parades.

There was a break on Mardi Gras day of the rain and it is hoped that everyone did have a good time.

The parades on Saturday and Sunday were very lucky as far as the weather was concerned, as well as the Sunday before.

But Monday's weather was terrible, especially in New Orleans.

Some may think the parading time is over with, but we still have St. Patrick's parades coming in a few weeks.

The Port of Gulfport was sure very busy for several days with the arrival of two monster cruise ships.

For sure the City of New Orleans is suffering big time from the tragic boat collision near the mouth of the Mississippi river last Saturday morning.

Myself, as well as many other residing on the coast would like to see a cruise ship out of the Port of Gulfport on a frequent basis.

Several years ago there was the Russian ship, which Jane and I and several friends had a great time on one cruise.

It was just so convenient to board the ship in Gulfport.

To me in comparing, boarding a cruise ship in New Orleans is about the same as boarding an airplane. Gulfport just leads the way in both instances.

The Port of Gulfport's Authorities and others have been working to secure a cruise ship and hopefully they will be successful in the very near future.

As many of you may recall, last year the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County and Waveland sponsored the 2003 Dixie Softball Ponies World Series, which was a great success.

The Dixie Softball officials were so impressed, they will this year bring the Dixie Softball Angels World Series.

The Cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland and Hancock County will be sponsoring the World Series July 30 through August 5, at the Bay St. Louis Sports Complex.

The girls in the Dixie Softball Angels are 9-10-year-olds and should increase the number of visitors to our area for the series.

Lonnie Falgout has once again accepted the position coordinator for the event, and as last year, there is a need for sponsors and also for volunteers for the World Series.

For further information, give a call at 228-216-0133, Bay City Hall, 467-9092, or Waveland City Hall, 467-4134.

I know from last year, in addition to sponsors there was a need for volunteers to do many tasks.

One again we will have an opportunity to show the great hospitality of great community.

Bush burned on National Guard record

In his 1995 autobiography, Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was angry that many sons of the "powerful and well-placed" managed to "wangle" safe stateside slots in National Guard or Reserve units during the Vietnam War draft.

Powell had no idea then that he would be characterizing the Vietnam-era record of his future boss, President George W. Bush, in the Texas Air National Guard.

After his 1968 Yale graduation, with the draft breathing down his neck, Bush was jumped over 500 others on waiting lists and

given a slot in a Houston-based "champagne unit" of the Texas Air National Guard.

Bush's father was then the U.S. Congressman from the Houston district. A former Texas lieutenant governor has said that at the behest of a Bush friend he spoke to the head of the Texas Air National Guard on the younger Bush's behalf.

Soon after he joined the Air Guard unit, Bush was handed a commission as a Second Lieutenant, some-

thing the historian of the Texas National Guard says was extremely rare, particularly for anyone without a previous commitment.

Now George W. Bush, as a self-proclaimed "war president" is being put on the hot seat

by the media over

the gaping holes found in how

much duty time he

actually spent in the Guard in 1972 and 1973.

Technically he had been transferred to an Alabama Guard unit but it's well-

known that W worked for months in the 1972 Senate campaign of his Dad's friend, Winton "Red" Blount.

Plus, recent published accounts have underscored that Bush was a no-show for more than a year, failing to take the required Air Force flight physical exam in October, 1972 to retain his flying status.

Bush's demonstrated cavalier attitude toward his Air National Guard service at a time young Americans were dying in the jungles of Vietnam has been interesting news copy, especially

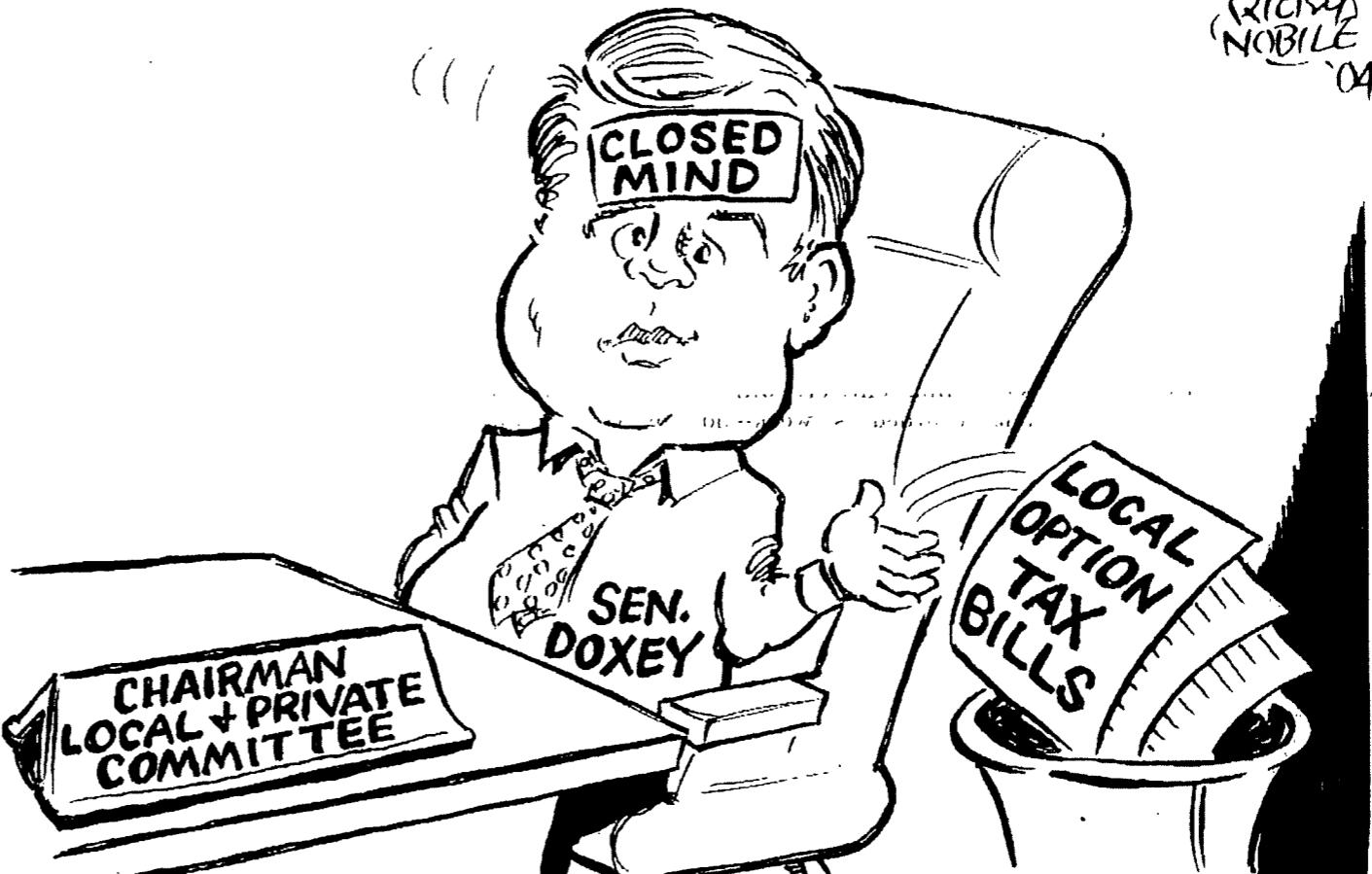
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Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

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Parent concerned about new uniform policy at Hancock

Dear Editor

As a parent of two middle school aged children I am very concerned about the new school uniform policy. The policy is far too strict.

I just want parents to know that they will have to go out and buy a complete new wardrobe for their child or children from shoes, to socks, to coats, as only certain uniform styles will be allowed.

We have been in a school system which has had uniforms and I know that it is an extra expense, and yes, they look great at first, but in a while they look faded and stained, and according to this policy if your child is not clean they will be suspended.

I would like to know

where the money is coming from to buy clothes for those children who can't afford them? Surely that money could be used for things that we really do need, like text books.

Certain people would have us believe that everybody is going to uniforms, but there are 21 schools in the Harrison County district that do not wear uniforms.

Long Beach parents were allowed to vote on uniforms, and they voted no. So why are we not allowed to vote?

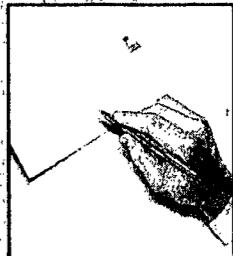
If you would like to know more about this policy I urge you to attend the public forum on Feb. 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Hancock Middle School.

Diane Hightower

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Near shore dredging may result in drownings

I was pre-teen when I watched the beach in front of Clermont Harbor be pumped in. I am now in my mid-50s.

I have heard every excuse imaginable as to why our beach could not be replaced.

"There is no money"; "The A.C.O.E. rejected the application"; "There is rare grass"; "You just got a pier, aren't you people ever happy?" Another one, "I'm only one vote on the Board."

Well, I'm not the sharpest tack on the bulletin board, but it has dawned on me that there's not a single supervisor on the Hancock Board that likes or even cares about Clermont Harbor. I nearly ran into the beach when I saw, there, in front of our little beach, is the dredger - within shouting distance of the Beach Road!

So, they're taking the base of our beach to make a

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Nationally recognized writer to speak at Bay High on Feb. 27

Nationally recognized writer and poet, E. Don Wilson will speak to Bay High School students, faculty and community members at Bay High Schools Robert V. Magee Auditorium at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27.

Wilson, a native of New Orleans and retired federal officer, spent most of his career in New York working undercover. He was

injured twice in the line of duty and is a disabled veteran of the United States Navy.

Wilson currently recruits for Remington College and serves on many boards. His articles and poetry are featured in "Buca" magazine. Mr.

Wilson will be speaking in honor of Black American History Month. Parents, business lead-

ers and community members are invited to attend, but advised to arrive early as all visitors must check-in with the principal's office and obtain a visitors pass.

For additional information or directions, please call Vickie Walsh, Bay High Schools Library Media Specialist, who is sponsoring this event at 228-467-7267.

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BCE class plans to 'Leave a Legacy'

Shrimp Creole dinner set March 5

The sixth-grade class at Bay Catholic Elementary (BCE) is working hard to leave a legacy at their school.

This year, they will host a benefit dinner featuring Shrimp Creole from Annie's Restaurant on March 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center in Bay St. Louis.

The public is encouraged to attend. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Sixth Grade BCE Legacy Fund, used for school improvements and to support the endowment fund.

Annie's Restaurant in Pass Christian will provide its

famous Shrimp Creole including rice, salad, bread, and tea for \$5 per plate at the door for eat in or take out. Desserts will also be offered.

Annie's Shrimp Creole will also be sold in quart-size containers ("Gourmet To Go").

"Gourmet To Go" will cost \$12 per quart or \$10 per quart for 2 or more.

To guarantee your reservation for Gourmet to go quarts, send a check payable to BCE Legacy Fund to: Bay Catholic Elementary School, 301 South Second St., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Or call: Janice Renaud 469-0090, Barbie Haas 467-6576.

St. Clare offers Lenten dinners

Lent is a period of 40 days in which the faithful prepare for the great celebration of Christ's Resurrection, Easter.

During this time of preparation the Church, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, unites itself with Jesus, 40 days and 40 nights in the desert.

On Fridays during Lent, it is a Catholic tradition and obligation to abstain from eating meat.

This Lenten season,

meals will be offered on Friday evenings by St. Clare Church and School.

Even though the dinners are being offered as a social event, Jesus, ministry often included the sharing of a meal.

The purpose of the meals is not merely a fund raising event; rather the goal is to bring the parish family and the surrounding communities together for the sharing of a meal.

Minor

because now he is ordering Americans to die on the sands of a nation that posed no threat to us.

However, what most concerns me is that political pull obviously landed him a coveted stateside Guard billet in the first place.

That's because I vividly remember how some prominent people here in Mississippi used influence to put their sons in similar cozy stateside military slots to escape the draft and avoid Vietnam.

One instance especially comes to mind: that in which the son of a powerful Jackson newspaper publishing family suddenly was slipped into the state's last available Army Reserve slot in a JAG (judge advocate general) unit without any prior legal training.

That young man had graduated from Jackson's Murrah High School in the same 1964 class as my oldest son, Paul, who, as I will point out in a moment, served in Vietnam in 1969-70.

What happened in Mississippi resonated with me in 1988 when Dan Quayle was put on the GOP ticket with George H. W. Bush. It was disclosed that Quayle's very powerful Indiana newspaper publishing family used heavy influence to get him a safe National Guard slot during Vietnam.

I certainly don't mean to knock the National Guard as we know it today (one of my sons is in the Mississippi Air Guard) when units are being mobilized and sent to Iraq to relieve the 160,000 regular troops stretched thin by deployment far beyond what the Pentagon had initially promised.

But the National Guard back in the Vietnam era was something entirely different, regarded as "week-end warriors," a choice haven to keep from being drafted.

From my own perspective, I find it significant that my oldest son graduated from LSU in 1968, the same year George W. Bush finished Yale. Big difference: Bush had gotten college deferments from the draft. My son had been in the Army ROTC in his four years at LSU and in his senior year was the commander of the 4,000-member cadet corps.

At his graduation, Paul was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army. What should he do next, whether to begin active duty in the Army or start law school, which was his ultimate goal, caused a lot of agonizing in the Minor household.

Knowing the Army already had their hooks in Paul and with the Vietnam draft then in full swing, I advised that even if he enrolled in law school it would be just a matter of time before the Army yanked him out and put him on active duty.

My wife was beside herself when reports of casualties came out of Vietnam, and when Mississippi Sen. John Stennis kept promising that "we're tunin, the corner" in the war.

Nightly, I would get on my knees to pray that Paul would return safely. Thank God, he did in late 1970 and with a Bronze Star. He won it for going beyond what his job called for, making helicopter gunship missions to destroy Vietcong munitions his intelligence team had located.

Me, I'm with Colin Powell: I too believe it was an antidemocratic disgrace

ing to go to Vietnam.

While I also had misgivings about this country fighting a war in which the issues were certainly not clear-cut as they were when I fought in World War II, my feelings came down on the side that if you were called by your country it was a matter of duty to serve.

But I left it up to Paul to decide for himself. He opted to postpone any plans for law school and went on active duty, then got married before being sent to the Army intelligence school at Fort Holabird, MD. When his six-month training as an Army spook ended in 1969 it was almost certain he would wind up in Vietnam. Of course, that's what happened.

It was a painful year, as we learned very little about what Paul was doing in 'Nam', largely because of the secrecy that went with his being an intelligence officer.

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that young men with connections avoided risking their lives during Vietnam while the poorer, less-privileged risked theirs.

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beach further down in Lakeshore, where none of the crabs or fishermen want a beach. NOW, Clermont Harbor is going to have huge, deep holes right out in front of our beach homes until our little beach slides in to fill those holes.

Does anyone realize how many children we have in our area that swim there? Does anyone know how many summer kids we have every year? These kids are not use to huge deep holes out there. The Supervisors signs will be ignored, these kids will not be aware of

their latest, greatest "improvements," nor will their parents.

Be aware, there will be drownings, the dredging is entirely too close in. I'm very disappointed in every supervisor on the Hancock Board.

I always knew Clermont Harbor has been the red headed stepchild of the coast line but I didn't realize to what degree. The Supervisors not only don't help to improve and maintain Clermont, it appears they are out to destroy us. Our beach road will fail

faster than it is. Is it so wrong of us to wish to stay Clermont Harbor, a little town of its own?

We have one supervisor. I always thought we had a board - helping each other with ideas and plans - to improve all of Hancock County, not just select areas. I constantly remind that the Miss Coast does not stop at Garfield Pier.

I'll be the first before the Board of Supervisors when the first child drowns.

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The office of the Circuit Clerk of Hancock County will be open for absentee voting from 8:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004.

The deadline for voting absentee in the office of the Circuit Clerk will be on Sunday, March 6, 2004 at 12:00 noon.

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Obituaries

DORIS AMADORO

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JEANNE COKER

JOHN DUCOTE JR.

ROSE FARVE

GEORGE KROST

LOREAN NECAISE

BERNICE

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MARGUERITE POSEY

DORIS AMADORO

Mrs. Doris M. Amadoro, 82, a resident of Long Beach died on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Amadoro was a native of Atlantic City, N.J., and a resident of Atlantic County most of her life, but spent the last six years residing in Long Beach.

She was a lifelong aspiring writer with many accomplishments. Mrs. Amadoro was a devoted mother and very loved by her family. Her wisdom will be sorely missed.

Mrs. Amadoro is preceded in death by her parents, Harold J. and Charlotte Mae Andrews Benton; and her husband, Anthony J. Amadoro.

She is survived by her three sons, Edwin (Jo Ann) Carlsen of Long Beach, Tony (Marilyn) Amadoro of Archibald, Pa., and Joe Amadoro of Philadelphia, Pa.; three daughters, Deborah (Chuck) Mays of Kiln, Bonita Amadoro of Reading, Pa., and Christine (Robert) Scarlett of Pleasantville, N.J.; one brother, Robert Benton of Brington, N.J.; 11 grandchildren, Shawn Carlsen, Jennie Minver, Albert and Christian Quellette, Jennifer Buchanna, Crystal Buchanna, Tiffany Buchanna, Aaron Mays, Joe Amadoro, Kerry Amadoro, Michael Amadoro and Robert Scarlett; and 11 great-grandchildren, Tim, Robbie, Brianna, Jonathan, Albert V., Amber, Taylor, Sonia, Brian, Christopher and Alexander.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Long Beach Chapel of Riemann Funeral Home. A

visitation will also be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Parsels Funeral Home in Absecon, N.J. beginning at 12:30 p.m. followed by a graveside service at 2 p.m. at Laurel Memorial Park in Pomona, N.J.

SIDNEY CARVER

Sidney Joseph Carver, 51, of Bay St. Louis died Saturday, February 21, 2004, in Bay St. Louis.

He was a native and life-long resident of Bay St. Louis, MS. He was a Veteran serving in the U.S. Army during Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his son, Joshua Dean Carver and parents, Harry J. and Selma Ruth Richardson Carver.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Carver of Bay St. Louis, MS; son, Daniel Joseph Carver of Parchman, MS; step daughter, Michelle Orem of New Orleans, LA; 2 half sisters, Gloria Strong and Juanita Bedeaux both of Bay St. Louis, MS; 1 grandchild, Devin Orem of New Orleans, LA.

Services will be held at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

JEANNE COKER

Jeanne D. Coker, 79, of Pass Christian died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, in Pass Christian. Arrangements are incomplete at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, downtown chapel in Gulfport.

JOHN DUCOTE JR.

John Ellis Ducote Jr., 51, of Bay St. Louis died Saturday, February 21, 2004, in Gulfport, MS.

He was a native of New Orleans, LA and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS. He was of the Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Ellis and Doris Leonard Ducote.

Survivors include a sister, Pamela Bowler of Harahan, LA.

A visitation will be held Thursday, February 26, 2004 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home from 12 to 1 p.m. Burial will be in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral

Home is in charge of the arrangements.

ROSE FARVE

Mrs. Rosie M. Dedeaux Farve, 74, a longtime resident of Pass Christian died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, in Pass Christian.

She was born in DeLisle on Dec. 10, 1929. She later married the late Peter Farve. She was a member of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Nervin Dedeaux and Effie Martin Dedeaux; two sisters, Brenda Joyce Dedeaux and Almida Carter; one son, Gene L. Dedeaux.

She is survived by one daughter, Mary C. Dedeaux; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Legia Venable of Las Vegas, Clara M. Dedeaux and Mrs. Rose Mary (Irene) Baker, both of Pass Christian, and Alma A (William) Welch of Diamondhead; two brothers, Ret. Sgt. Nervin J. (Bishop Carol) Dedeaux of Fayetteville, N.C., and Anthony Dedeaux of Katy, Texas, and his wife, Theresa Dedeaux, of Los Angeles; and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Pass Christian with services following at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Biloxi National Cemetery. J.T. Hall Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

GEORGE KROST

George Franklin Krost, 48, of Bay St. Louis, MS died February 23, 2004 in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He was of the Catholic Faith. He was former owner of the Magnolia Janitorial Service.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Frances Bell Krost.

He is survived by his four daughters, Jenny Krost, Gwyn Krost, Nikki Krost, and Haley Krost all of Bay St. Louis, MS; father, Franklin Krost of Bay St. Louis, MS and two grandchildren, Colby Krost and Brittney Caspolich both of Bay St. Louis, MS.

A visitation will be held of Friday, February 27, 2004 from 9-10 a.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS.

The Procession will leave the funeral home at 10:15 a.m. for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Interment will follow in the Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the

arrangements.

LOREAN NECAISE

Lorean Lee Necaise, 65, of Gulfport went to be with the Lord on Feb. 20, 2004, at Woodland Village Nursing Home in Diamondhead with her family by her side. She was diagnosed several years ago with a very rare brain disease and a fought a long, courageous battle with help and support from the staff at Woodland Village Nursing Home that also became a part of her family.

Mrs. Necaise was born and raised in the Bienville Community. Mrs. Necaise and her husband of 50 years, Kenneth Necaise moved to Gulfport to raise their family. Working as a seamstress was the first job she endured before becoming a hairdresser. For 23 years, she owned and operated The Hairpin Beauty Salon.

Mrs. Necaise was of the Baptist faith and was actively involved in her church. She spent her life serving the Lord. Family was the focal point of her life. She was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

She is preceded in death by her parents, August and Dora Lee; her brother, Samuel Lee; and two sisters, Blondie Everett and Willie Mae Jarrell.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Necaise; three daughters and their husbands, Rio and Miriam Graves, Joey and Annette Moran and Terry and Karen Peterson; a son and his wife, Kevin and Penny Necaise; nine grandchildren, Amity Graves, Brooklyn Graves, Terrence Peterson, and wife, Krystal Peterson, Kael Peterson, Ty Peterson, Adam Moran, Katelyn Moran, Destin Andrews Necaise and Taylor Necaise; one great-grandchild, Bryce Peterson; two sisters, Lillie Blackwell and Pauline Chandler; a brother, Clarence Lee; and several special nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 23, at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, the downtown chapel in Gulfport. Interment was in Evergreen Gardens.

BERNICE PERNICARO

Bernice Pernicaro, 49, of Pass Christian died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Pernicaro was a native and lifelong resident of Waveland and was a dispatcher for the Waveland Police Department.

Mrs. Pernicaro was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Gloria Pernicaro; and a brother, Frank Joseph Pernicaro.

Survivors include her sister, Gloria Pernicaro of Bay St. Louis; nieces, Tammy Chifci of Bay St. Louis and Amy Gibson of Waveland; a nephew, Jordan Pernicaro of Bay St. Louis; and five

grand-nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Monday, Feb. 23, at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

MARGUERITE POSEY

Marguerite Taylor Posey, 87, of Philadelphia, Miss., died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004.

She was a native of Newton County, but moved to Philadelphia early in life. Mrs. Posey was a member of First Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thurman James Posey; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Taylor Sr.; and two brothers, W.T. Taylor Jr. and W.C. Taylor.

She is survived by her daughter, Peggy Posey Bleil and her husband, Dr. Bruce T. Bleil, of Pass Christian; grandsons, Michael S. Kendrick of Birmingham, Ala., and Dr. David J. Houser of Biloxi; step-grandchildren, Varina E. Bleil of Los Angeles and Bryan C. Bleil of San Ramon, Calif.; great-grandchild, Jessica Kendrick; and step-great-grandchildren, Becca and Bria Bleil.

Visitation was held Sunday, Feb. 22, at McClain-Hays Funeral Home. Services were held Monday, Feb. 23, at the chapel of McClain-Hays Funeral Services Inc. in Philadelphia. Pallbearers were Bob Posey, John Posey, Rudy Posey, Al Posey, Hal Posey and Jimmy Holmes.

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St. Paul's Parade

St. Paul's Carnival Association Parade rolled through Pass Christian on Sunday, Feb. 22.

Echo staff photos by Shannon Jenkins



Sports



Winners

The Bay Area Youth Soccer League (BAYS) U-10 Girls team, coached by Joel Duncan, took top honors at the Great Day of Soccer Tournament hosted by the South Mississippi Soccer Club (SMSC) in Gulfport. The team accumulated the most team points overall during the two-day tournament. Teams represented at this tournament included BAYS, Southwest Jackson, Orange Grove, Long Beach, and Gulfport. The team also took first place at the Turkey Shootout Tournament in Gulfport. Team members include Ashleigh Hoda, front row at left, Jordan Duncan, Blake Stefano, Mattison Scardino, Sarah Mirandy, and standing Amanda Solome, at left, Emma McRaney, Savannah Crosby and Brooke Thomas.



First tournament

The BAYS U-8 girls team, competing in their first tournament, placed 3rd. The girls played outstanding even though the weather was both wet and cold. Team members include Maycee Scardino, front row at left, Halley Furlan, Jenna Duncan, and standing at left, Jordan Rayburn and Abby Gollott.

DWGAN results

BY SALLY LINDSLEY

Winners of the following Diamondhead Nines golf events were:

December 2-Trophy Day
- 1st Flight-Low Gross-Terrie Garrett; Low Net-Sue Campbell; Low Putts-Maureen Holt; 2nd Flight-Low Gross-Lorna Decker; Low Net-Peggy Satterlee; Low Putts-Bettisue Hendrix; 3rd Flight-Low Gross-Shirley Hopes; Low Net-Emilie Abell; Low Putts-Betty Reddock Birdie and Chip-in #5-Sue Stevens; Chip-Ins- Carol Perry #3, Diane Ackerman #8.

December 9- Christmas Luncheon - Rained out, but luncheon was great!

December 16-Poker-1st Flight- 1st-Terrie Garrett; 2nd-Carol Hare; 3rd-Emmy Swink; 2nd-Flight- 1st-Bobbie Sorgenfrei; 2nd-Shirley Hopes; 3rd-Rose

American Quarter Horse event to be held April 24-25

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Additionally, halter classes that judge American Quarter horses based on balance, muscling and breed characteristics are held.

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ed to get involved with horses or compete at an AQHA Show is encouraged to attend.

Each year, AQHA approves more than 2,700 shows and special events across the globe. For more information about the Sun N Fund QHS, please contact Nancy L. Russ, 228-533-7031.

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Sports

SSC, Lady Tigers & Lady Hawks all advance on court

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The state playoffs in high school basketball opened on Monday, February 23 with first round girls action. Two area teams participated - the Bay High Lady Tigers and the Hancock Lady Hawks.

The Bay High Lady Tigers, Division 8-4A champion, entertained the Northeast Lauderdale Lady Trojans, Division 5-4A fourth seed, in the 4A matchup while Hancock, Region 5-5A runner-up, traveled to tradition-rich Harrison Central, Region 6-5A champion.

The Lady Tigers (25-5) put on a clinic with their post play inside on both ends of the floor. Bay High scored the game's first eight points and led at the end of the first period 21-5 en route to a 65-34 win.

Destiny Porter led the team with 21 points and 7 rebounds. She scored 9 points in the first period and the other 12 points in the third period. Kendra Reed added 19 points and 14 rebounds in the win. Shaquita Bell led the Lady Trojans with 11 points.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "They had a height disadvantage inside. Our inside game was working and we stuck with it. The guard play tonight was solid. We were able to handle their press and we moved the ball well, especially in transition."

The Lady Tigers led 34-14 at halftime and did not let up in the third period. Porter scored the first eight point of the third frame as the Lady Trojans had no answer for the inside game of Bay High. Bay High led at the end of three periods 52-23.

The Lady Tigers used the fourth period to run substitutes in and out as every team member saw minutes on the court.

The Lady Tigers will meet the winner of the South Pike/South Jones matchup on Thursday, February 26 at a site that is

to be determined. The top site for the 4A girls tournament is Petal followed by Northeast Jones and McComb.

The Lady Hawks (25-4) defeated the Harrison Central Red Rebelettes 52-49 in a nailbiter that gives the 5A girls South State tournament to Hancock on February 27-28.

The score was tied at 39-39 heading into the final period of play. Hancock appeared in control with a 7-0 run to open the final stanza; however, Harrison Central went on a 8-4 run to bring them within one point at 50-49 with 1:49 left to play.

A double-dribble by the Red Rebelettes gave the ball back to the Lady Hawks and Shondreka Lee sealed the win with two free throws with less than 30 remaining.

Courtney Craft and Amanda Arcement each scored 12 points to lead Hancock while Petra Vackova added 11 points. Hancock will play Moss Point in Kiln on Friday, February 27.

On Tuesday, February 24, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws, Bay High Tigers, and Pass Christian Pirates all played in the first round of the boys South State playoffs.

The Rocks, #2-seed from Division 8-4A, hosted the Wayne County War Eagles, the #3-seed from Division 5-4A. The Rocks came out on fire and played controlled basketball in the second half for a 66-48 win and advance to the second round of the playoffs.

SSC's Rob Murray opened the game with a basket in the lane. Cedric Jones tied the game with shot underneath the basket. The two teams traded baskets once again with Mario Faranda sinking one for SSC and David Howard making one for Wayne County. But, with 6:20 left in the opening period, Ramsey Shawa banked one in to give the Rocks the lead for good at 6-4.

The Rocks pushed their lead to 21-12 by the end of

the first period keyed by an 8-2 run. Shawa scored four points during the run for SSC.

Darius Acker got untracked for the Rocks in the second period scoring 15 points as SSC doubled the War Eagles at halftime 44-22.

Wayne County came firing back in the third period as they used a 15-4 run to cut the Rocks' lead to 48-37 with 2:53 left in the period. SSC ran off five unanswered points to end the period ahead 53-37.

Darius Acker led all scorers with 27 points, 6 assists and 5 steals. Mario Faranda added 12 points and 11 rebounds followed by Ramsey Shawa's 10 points. Ron Murray had 8 points to go along with 9 assists.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "We played about as well as we have played all year in the first half. I felt the only thing we did not do well was come out in the third period with a killer instinct. However, we were able to withstand their run and get back on track. I am very proud of the way we played."

Wayne County was led by David Howard with 14 points followed by Cedric Jones with 12 points and Kemarcus West with 10 points. Jones is also an All-State defensive end for the 4A state champion War Eagle football team and signed with the Golden Eagles of USM.

The 4A boys South State

tournament will be held at George County starting on Thursday, February 26 and going through Saturday, February 28. The #1-seed for the tournament was Forest County Agricultural High School who lost on Tuesday to Jackson-Wingfield 62-50. George County defeated Terry High School.

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Destinie Lewis led the Lady Hawks in the win with 15 points. The Lady Hawks will travel to the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws on Thursday, February 26th and will play the Rock-a-chaws at 8:30pm.

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OLA, fresh off an unprecedented fifth consecutive state 1A-2A-3A title, placed six members on the Mississippi Association of Coaches first team. Those selected were keeper Annie Gardino, defenders Lauren Forte and Kira Reaver, midfielder Laura Ellis, and forward Rachel Cranford and Meghan Flynt.

Rachel Cranford, a senior forward at OLA, was named to the girls AP All-State first team.

Cranford led OLA to a fifth consecutive state soccer title and also tallied two volleyball state titles and a state title in tennis doubles in her career at the all-girls Catholic high school.

The Brook-Lin Center wins again

The Brook-Lin Center's Gymnastic Team of Diamondhead, MS traveled to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina to compete in the Hilton Head Island Gymnastics Invitational the weekend of January 31, 2004. The invitational was hosted by Rockdale Gymnastics from Georgia. This prestigious competition consisted of over 900 competitors traveling from over 10 different states including New York, Pennsylvania, & Florida, with many of these teams having former national champions. The Brook-Lin Center's Team X-Cel stood their own against the fierce competition, placing 1st in several events, including the all-around. The Level 7 & Level 9 team each placed 3rd in the team competition. The Brook-Lin Center gymnastic team is coached by Terry Kruchowsky. The individual results are as follows:

Level 7

3rd Place Team Award
Jenna Gibson (7-11 yr. olds): 1st All-around, 6th

Vault, 1st Bars, 1st Beam, 3rd Floor Clara Pratt (12-13yr. olds): 2nd All-around, 3rd Vault, 2nd Bars, 3rd Beam; 3rd Floor Amy Bramlett (12-13yr. olds): 1st Vault, 4th Beam Logan Wilkerson (14yr. olds): 4th All-around, 5th Vault, 4th Bars, 1st Beam, 4th Floor

Level 8
Kaitlin Green (15yr olds): 2nd All-around, 6th Vault, 4th Bars, 1st Beam, 6th Floor
3rd Place Team Award
Charlie Zoerner (13yr. olds): 5th All-around, 4th Vault, 3rd Bars, 2nd Floor Alysha Pretzello (14-15yr olds): 3rd All-around, 2nd Vault, 1st Bars, 4th Beam, 10th Floor Amanda Dearman (14-15yr olds): 1st All-around, 3rd Vault, 3rd Bars, 5th Beam, 1st Floor

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Hancock's Necaise finds her fit

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year, the Hancock Lady Hawks have produced a Division I women's basketball signee. Lady Hawks guard Brooke Necaise signed with Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond during the early signing period in November.

The high school Prep All-American and two-time All-State tournament player has started on the varsity team since her eighth grade year. She has led her team to two state tournament appearances and is looking to lead her team to the state title game this season.

Necaise commented, "This year has been a fun one so far. While I am looking forward to college next year, I am staying in the moment and working hard to hopefully help my team go all the way this season. I started the season with an injury that sidelined me for a few weeks. It has been a tough road back but my teammates have kept the

pressure up and we are working hard to reach the goals we have set for ourselves."

SLU is located in Hammond, Louisiana, and is not a far distance from Kiln. They participate in the Southland Conference against teams like the University of Louisiana-Monroe, Lamar University, Nicholls State University, Stephen F. Austin University, and the University of Texas at El Paso.

She glanced forward to next year and stated, "College is the next level. Athletically, I need to learn to shoot the ball quicker, increase my range, and become a better defender. SLU was also a terrific fit for me from an educational standpoint. I want to major in nursing and they have a highly respected nursing school.

However, the main reason I chose SLU was because I felt the most at home there. The coaching staff and the players really felt like family to me. To be

comfortable around the ones that I plan to spend the next few years of my life was a major aspect of my decision."

Some of the other schools that showed major interest in Necaise were Ole Miss, Tulane, University of South Alabama, Texas Christian University, University of Louisiana-Monroe, Lamar University, Nicholls State University, Stephen F. Austin University, and the University of Texas at El Paso.

She has been a consistent force for us the past five years. I am very glad to see all the good things that are coming to her because she deserves it."

While Necaise has been a force on the court, she has brought that tenacity over to the classroom and other extracurriculars. She is an honor student and involved in school activities outside of basketball. Necaise com-

mented, "My time at Hancock High School has been tremendous. Academically, it is the ideal school. Athletically, playing at Hancock means that you are playing at a school that is steeped in tradition. It is good competition here at Hancock both on the court and off."

Having fought back from an early season injury that required surgery, Necaise has her team sporting a #5 ranking in the state and a 24-3 overall record. While Necaise is excited about what college holds in store for her, her graduation from Hancock, and the dwindling time left with her senior classmates, there is only one thing she is concentrating on, "I just want to do my best to help my team go as far as they can this year."

Brooke Necaise has worked hard on and off the court and success has followed her every move. Who knows it just might tag along with Necaise and the Lady Hawks through early March.

Wildcats smash Holmes 90-75

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The defending state champion Pearl River Wildcats blew out Holmes 90-75 in Monday's first-round action of the MACJC State Tournament underway at Northeast Mississippi and now eyes Jones Wednesday at 3 p.m. in the semi-finals.

Jones, 21-3 after Monday's 84-78 victory over Mississippi Delta to open the tournament, grabbed the South's No. 1 seed in the post-season event after a heart-stopping 79-78 overtime victory over the Wildcats to wrap the regular season last Thursday in Ellisville.

PRCC improved to 17-8 overall with the win over the Bulldogs, while Holmes dropped to 17-8.

Pearl River head coach Richard Mathis was obviously pleased.

"We played well and that's something we've been struggling with the last couple of weeks of the regular season," he said. "We couldn't seem to establish any consistency, but with the exception of the last few minutes of today's game, we played about as well as we could. We played good offense, good defense, rebounded...but we've still got a long road ahead."

Holmes, which ended the Wildcats' season last March in the Region 23 semi-finals with a one-point victory off a buzzer-beating trey less than a week after PRCC dropped Northwest for its third state title in 9 years, never lead in the game, but managed to cut the Wildcats lead to 2 points midway in the first half.

Wildcat forward Larry Brackins shined, bucketing a game-high 25 points. He hit 8 of 11 field goal attempts, including an even more impressive 4-of-6 effort from 3-point range.

"Larry played



PRCC Sports Information Photo By Mitch Deaver

Pearl River point Jacoby Rawls (20) dished off a game-high 8 assists in the Wildcats' 90-75 first-round victory over Holmes in the MACJC State Tournament Monday in Booneville. Rawls headed to the foul line after this foul and sank a pair of free throws for his only points in the game. PRCC faced South Division champ Jones yesterday in the semi-final round.

well...everybody played well," Mathis continued. "Larry and a couple of other guys got into a little foul trouble in the first half, but overcame that and went on to play a great game."

Mathis lauded guard Carlos Cole for his defensive play, despite the fact the sophomore out of Hattiesburg High scored 16 points, hit 2 treys, hauled in

6 boards, grabbed 4 steals, and went 6-of-6 at the foul line.

"Carlos was a huge part of that win, but it was his defense against (Terrance) Akins that was impressive and proved to be a big factor," Mathis said. "He (Akins) wound up with 21 points, but Carlos shut him down when it counted."

Pearl River built its lead

to 10 points some 8 minutes into the game before Holmes rallied back with an 8-0 run to cut the lead to 16-14 with 9:55 left in the half, but the Wildcats answered with 24-13 scoring surge to lead 40-27 at the intermission.

PRCC built its lead to as many as 23 points twice in the second half.

Besides Brackins and Cole, sophomore center Ray Selvage of Baton Rouge added 15 points, while hauling in a season-high 19 boards and blocking 2 shots; while Daryl Cohen of Century, Fla., scored 11 (3 treys), Jeremy Goff of Picayune High and Jonathan Williams of Stone County (2 treys), 6 each; Gabe Willis of St. Stanislaus 5, Jason Simmons of Hattiesburg High, Jacoby Rawls of Sumrall (8 assists), and Ethan Smith of Poplarville High, 2 a piece.

Besides Akins, Kendall Granderson scored 16 points (2 treys, 5 steals, 8 RB) for the Bulldogs; while Korey Moore 14 (1 trey, 2 steals), Hilton Tompkins 10 (1 trey), Jonathan Barnett 7, Marcus Jones 5, and Maretto Plunkett 2.

From the foul line PRCC was 27 of 36 (75 percent), while HCC was 18 of 28 (64.3 percent).

From the field, the Wildcats hit 26 of their 51 field goal attempts (51 percent), including an impressive 11-of-24 (45.8 percent) effort from 3-point range. Holmes hit 40.3 percent (25 of 62) from the field and 7 of 19 (36.8 percent) 3-point attempts.

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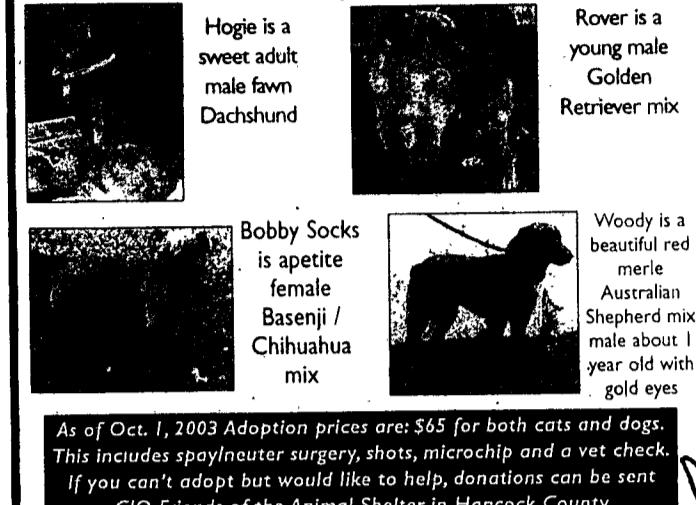
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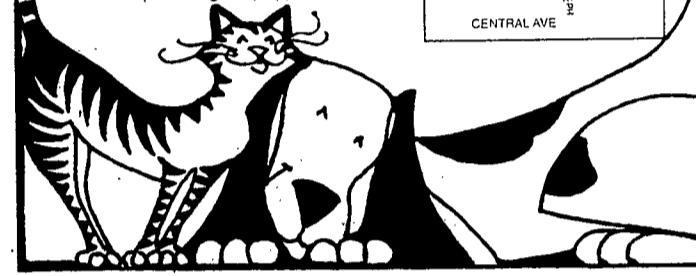


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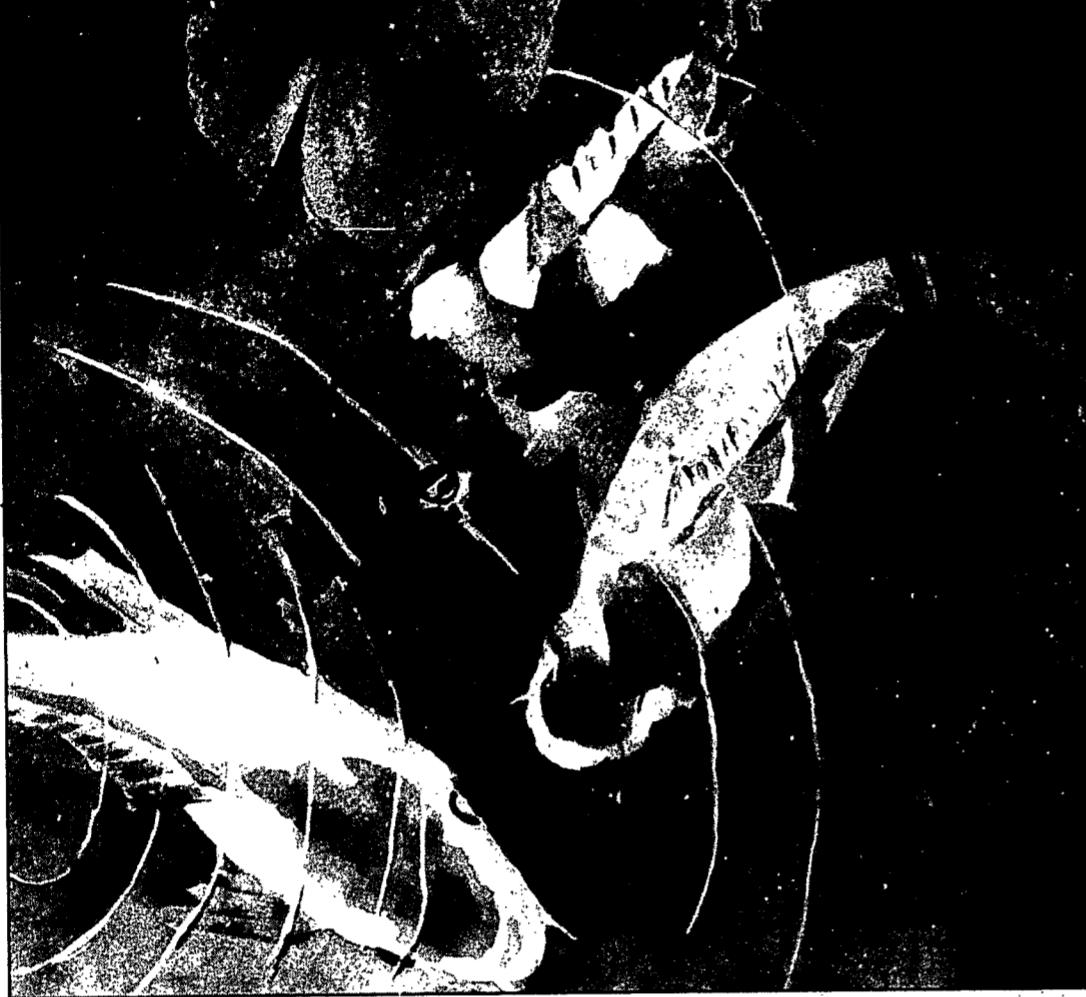
Copeland has practiced art since childhood, experimenting in various media, but when she was introduced to watercolor, she knew she had

found her niche. Her art education includes Art Instruction Incorporated of Minneapolis, John C. Calhoun Jr. College, and the University of Alabama.

Dot works from first impressions, sketches, and photographs made on field trips. Through the use of color, technique, or subject matter, she strives to create a mood or feeling which will communicate to the viewer.

Her nostalgic paintings and house portraits have received numerous awards in regional, national, and international shows, and they are collected by individuals and corporate collectors in the

U.S. as well as abroad.



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Cast members include (standing from left) John Harter as Sam Hoke, Darrell Hughes as Curtis Applebee, Roxanne McCabe as Blanche Cooke, Rick Brooks as Lieutenant Walker, Drew Monks as Vanelli and Stephanie Coker as Helga. Seated are Theresa Scardino as Elaine Wheeler, Larry R. Clark as John Wheeler and Nancy Mangin as Dr. Tracey Lake.

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The cast of this intense thriller include Theresa Scardino as Elaine Wheeler, Larry R. Clark as John

Wheeler, Stephanie Coker as Helga, Drew Monks as Vanelli, Darrell Hughes as Curtis Applebee, Roxanne McCabe as Blanche Cooke, Rick Brooks as Lieutenant Walker, Nancy Mangin as Dr. Tracey Lake and John Harter as Sam Hoke.

Glenda Schornick will direct with Kim Diecidue as producer, Michelle Kessling as stage manager and Mark Diecidue on lights.

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ANTIQUE FURNITURE & COLLECTIBLES AUCTION Sat. March 6th at 6pm at the European Antique Auction Gallery. Full container of European antiques. Free delivery to dealers. Located near Seminary, MS, off Hwy. 590. Follow signs. www.eaag.net 601-722-4218 or 601-722-0087. Auc. Jennings Gilmore, ML#452.

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Flea Market

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46 Home Improvement

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56 Services Offered

MISSISSIPPI ACTION FOR PROGRESS, Inc. a large early childhood development program serving Hancock County has immediate openings for:

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FIRE WOOD FOR SALE, \$70.00 truck load. Delivered. 601-916-9337.

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58 Lawn & Garden

B & B LAWN SERVICE: WINTER yard clean-up, leaf removal and/or curb side leaf pick-up. Free estimates. 228-586-1210 or 228-216-0756.

DEPENDABLE FAMILY MAN with years of experience, will manicure your lawn. Call now for a price you can afford. 228-209-0494.

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63 Business Opportunities

UPSCALE LADIES BOUTIQUE for sale. 467-7605 or 255-8086.

73 Help Wanted

ADVERTISING & TELEMARKETING sales person needed. Senior citizen and retiree welcome. Call Louise 228-863-0057.

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7 PIECE BEDROOM SET \$175, couch \$35, 2 recliners \$20 & \$35, kitchen table 2/chairs, \$40. 467-5764.

A NEW KING SIZE PILLOW TOP mattress set, never opened. Sacrifice \$250, will deliver. 228-234-0999.

A NEW QUEEN SIZE ORTHOPEDIC mattress set still in plastic. Must sell, \$125, can deliver. 228-234-0999.

A NEW QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP mattress set, still in plastic, can deliver, \$145. 228-234-0999.

RECONDITIONED HOME APPLIANCES; full warranty, large selection. In home repairs, over 15 years experience in appliance service. "I can fix what they sold you!" BC&H, Inc. 216-1958 or 324-9265.

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DANISH DINING TABLE & CHAIRS; solid teak, made in Denmark, \$300.00. Call 466-4868.

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7032 W Sun. 2/22/04

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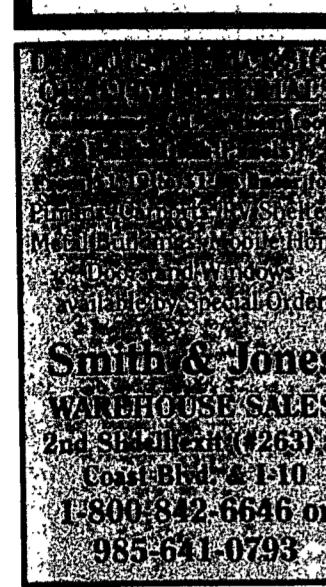
84 Furniture

HANDMADE ADIRONDACK Chairs. Great for gifts, porches & pool sides, \$175. set. Will deliver in B.S.L. 985-649-7902.

96 Wanted To Buy

CASH FOR UNWANTED ITEMS before garage sale, moving, estate disposal or cleaning out. Buying brick, household, tools, antiques, sheds/garage items. Wood furniture etc. Call 467-4857 if we can help you out. Also cleaning out sheds/garages for cash/contents. All messages returned promptly.

85 Building Materials



143 Real Estate Services

"All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis."

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

FOR SALE: 1994 DOUBLE WIDE Mobile Home, 56x28, 3BR/2Ba, 1568 square feet on 5.036 acres. Unattached 38x24 workshop with 2 car carport. Mobile home has 32x12 wooden front deck. Also includes submergible pump & well, dishwasher, electric stove with oven, central heat & air, fireplace, security system, walk in closets, utility room, and garden tub. Located in North Hancock County. \$75,000 for all or land and workshop for \$59,000. 228-863-0026 or 669-1388.

FOR SALE: 3BR/1BA, 1970, 12X64. Please call 265-7480.

MANUFACTURED HOME on quiet, shady 2.75 acres in Pass Christian area. 3/2; separate master. 228-896-1451.

P.C. MORTON AVE. GREAT looking 16x80, w/porchs on landscaped 100x110 lot, adjoining lot available. Reduced to \$60,000. Jez Real Estate. 467-7142.

16X80, 3BR/2BA, GREAT FLOOR plan, new carpet, set up & delivered. \$14,900. Call Sherry 228-669-6000 or 228-326-3940.

LIVING ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY! 3BR/2Ba, 28x70 w/ corner fireplace, all appliances, storage shed, fenced in yard. Just drive your boat up & you are home. \$69,900. 228-326-3940 or 228-860-4727.

FOR SALE: TWO HIGH DRY LOTS, quite location, good street, Bayside Park, owner financing, only \$1,250. each, \$100. down. 228-467-5734.

1/2 ACRE LOT IN HENLEY PL. in B.S.L. asking \$15,500. obo. 985-710-2031.

100% OWNER FINANCING. Will also finance water connection and septic system fees. White Cypress Lakes. Beautiful lots from 1 acre to 30 acres, mobile homes allowed in certain areas and great fishing. Ten miles east of I-59, Carriere exit, thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790.

FOR SALE: CHAPMAN RD., B.S.L., 80x120. Must see, make offer. Call 324-7930.

WATERFRONT LOT: SHORELINE Park, great area for home or fishing camp, paved street, near Waveland, \$10,000. Owner financing available. 228-467-5734.

FOR SALE OR RENT: WATERFRONT, Bay area beautiful, 3bd/3ba. Scenic 3 1/2 lots appraised \$120,000 asking only \$96,000. 864-6519.

HOUSE FOR SALE ASKING \$88,000. Lakeshore. Call 469-0937.

IN KILN, 3BR/2BA ON ONE ACRE, \$95,000. for sale or lease purchase. 228-216-3060.

MEDITERRANEAN BEAUTY, 3000 sq.ft. under roof, 4B/3 full baths, double car garage, on two large lots (corner) 10ft. ceilings, crowned molding, hardwood floors, ceramic tile and new carpet, jacuzzi, large deck with gazebo, fenced yard, new appliances, centrally located in heart of B.S.L., priced below appraisal at \$227,500. Call 342-2598, owner.

NEW CONSTRUCTION: OWNER FINANCE 2 bedroom/1 bath, fireplace, \$79,000, \$5,000 down, Total note \$650. Washington off Waveland Ave.

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE available: Choctaw Village, Waveland Ms. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.

NEW HOME: 3BR/2BA, 2100 sq.ft. on one acre, in Kiln, \$125,000. 228-493-3219 or 228-255-8012.

800 SQ. FT. OFFICE WITH STOR-AGE & fenced yard. 466-4302.

HWY. 90 FRONTAGE, WAVELEND, 2400 sq. ft. showroom, 2400 sq. ft. warehouse, air/heat, fenced yard. Call for info. 467-0534.

HWY. 90 NEAR HANCOCK MEDICAL CENTER 1200 sq. ft. office space for lease recently remodeled \$850/mo. 467-8392.

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3BR/2BA DUPLEX 172 FELICITY St. \$775/mo plus deposit McIntyre Rapp Real Estate. 467-3777.

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CHARMING RENOVATED COTTAGE, 3BR, 2BA, central A/C, laundry hookups, large fenced yard, hardwood floors, lots of light, \$750/month. Prudential Gardner Realtors 467-1602, 216-3336.

COTTAGE FOR RENT IN NICE, QUIET area. 1 bedroom, kitchen, bath, front porch, washer/dryer, \$325/month. Waveland close to beach. 466-9841.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 228-586-5498.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARCO D. CONERLY, SR.
CAUSE NO. C2001-04-0996(3)

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters of Administration filed in this cause on the 5th day of February, 2004, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, upon the Estate of Marco D. Conerly, Sr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Chancery Clerk for probate and distribution, within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 5 day of February, 2004.
(SEAL)

TAYONA T. CONERLY
Administrator of the Estate of
Marco D. Conerly, Sr.
02/12/02/19; 02/26/04

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
TAYONA T. CONERLY, MARCO T. CONERLY, JR. PETITIONERS
VS.
THE HEIRS AT LAW OF MARCO D. CONERLY, SR., DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. C2001-04-0996(3)

TO: THE HEIRS AT LAW OF MARCO D. CONERLY, SR., DEFENDANTS
Petitioners, whose names and street addresses, are unknown after diligent search and inquiry:
You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock A. M. on the 18 day of March, 2004, in the Courtroom of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, at 305 S. Main, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of the Court this 5 day of February, 2004.
(SEAL)

Timothy Kellar
CHANCERY CLERK
By: Marcelline Scarborough
DEPUTY CLERK
02/12/02/19; 02/26/04

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOLLIS JONES, DECEASED
C.A. NO. 2002-118
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: THE HEIRS AT LAW OF HOLLIS JONES, DECEASED
You have been made a Defendant in the petition filed in this court by Emma J. Nilsson, Administrator of the Estate of Hollis, Jones, Deceased, seeking the heirs of the Court to adjudicate that Emma J. Nilsson is the sole and only heir at law of Hollis Jones, Deceased, and seeking an adjudication of such heirship.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Plaintiff, filed against you in this action, by: Robert A. Patten, Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is Post Office Box 113, Poplarville, Mississippi, 39470.

Your response must be mailed or delivered no later than thirty days after the 12th day of February, 2004, or it is the 12th day of February, 2004, if this is the first publication of this summons. If your response is not so mailed or delivered, a judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief sought in the Petition.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 9 day of February, A. D., 2004.
(SEAL)

CHANCERY CLERK
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
By: Erica Candelario
02/12/02/19; 02/26/04

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RE: THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL A. LEE, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 2003-798
SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Heirs-at-Law of SAMUEL A. LEE, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by SAMUEL W. LEE, Administrator, seeking ADJUDICATION OF THE HEIRS-AT-LAW OF SAMUEL A. LEE, Deceased, and the Court to determine who in this action are Samuel W. Lee and Mavis J. Scarallo, who are alleged to be the sole Heirs-at-Law of the Decedent.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 28th day of February, 2004, or it is the 28th day of February, 2004, if this is the first publication of this summons. If your response is not so mailed or delivered, a judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief sought in the Petition.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 12th day of February, 2004.
(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk
By: Charlene Seal, D.C.
Deputy Clerk
P. O. Box 550
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
402/467-5404
02/12/02/19; 02/26/04

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF Hancock

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of March, 2002, Maurice Mercadel, a single person aka Maurice P. Mercadel, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust to me in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 683 at Page 390; and

WHEREAS, by various assignments on record said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., by a Deed of Trust recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk in Book 702 at Page 243; and

WHEREAS, on the 21st day of January, 2004, the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Emily Kaye Courtney, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 812 at Page 449; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness, secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder thereof, so doing to do, on the 11th day of March, 2004, I will during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land, and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

PARCEL 1, Lot 306, Third Ward, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official plat of said City made by E. Drake, C.E., and filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, at 225 Court Street, P.O. Box 1201, on 1/20/04, at 2:20 PM.

PARCEL 2, Located at the Southeast corner of Lot 306, Third Ward, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, said point being further described as the point where the line between Lots 306 and 307 intersects the Northern line of Lot 345, said point being a distance of 54 feet to the Southern line of Lot 345, then North 70 degrees West along the Southern line of the aforesaid Lot 345 a distance 50.4 feet; then North 20 degrees East a distance of 54 feet to the Southwest corner of the above mentioned Lot 306, a part being a part of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 4th day of February, 2004.

EMILY KAYE COURTEAU
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
2305 OLIVER ROAD
PO BOX 1201
MS 39520-0020
02/12/02/19; 02/26/04
CS/703-4551

NOTICE
In the Youth Court of Hancock County
State of Mississippi
In the interest of: B.H.
Cause No. 5375-A

Attention: Linda L. Howard
You are commanded to personally appear before the Youth Court of Hancock County, Court Street, Bay St. Louis, MS, at 8:00 a.m. on March 17, 2004 for a Permanency Hearing. If you have any questions, call 228-467-7945 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Prepared by: Cherie Hayward
Court Administrator
02/12/02/22; 02/26/04

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

FINAL SETTLEMENT OF CONTRACT

Notice is hereby given that the contract between the Department of Transportation Commission of the State of Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi, on the one part and Atwood Fence Company, Inc., Kosciusko, Mississippi on the other part, dated 22nd day of January, 2000 for the construction of the project designated as Federal-Aid Project Number STP-0024-0019(2037) being a Section of U.S. Hwy. Number 90, MS Hwy. numbers 507, 43 and 903 in Hancock County, Mississippi, has performed and settlement thereon has been made. This Notice is given under Section 21-5-3, Mississippi Code of 1983 as amended in pursuance of authority conferred upon me by order of the State Department of Transportation Commission in Minute Book 24, Page 1404.

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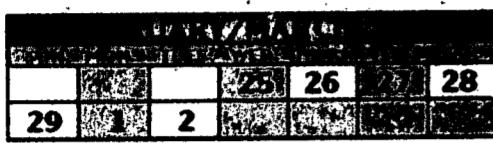
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Supermarkets



Quantity Rights Reserved.
None Sold To Dealers.
Some Items May Not Be
Available At All Stores.
We reserve the right to
correct printing errors.

USDA Fresh Cut
Boneless Beef Bottom

Round Roast
\$1.99
Lb.

Hickory Smoked
Sliced
Picnic Hams

USDA Fresh Cut
Boneless Beef
Cubed Steak

lb. **99¢**

lb. **2.99**

Farmland Seasoned
Pork Sausage

99¢
1-lb.
Pkg.

Value Time Frozen
Beef Patties

4.99
5-lb.
Box

Fresh Crisp

Broccoli or
Cauliflower

Fresh Frozen
Split
Fryer Breast
79¢
Lb.

USDA Fresh Cut
Boneless Beef
Rump Roast

lb. **2.29**

Fresh Frozen
Flounder
Fillets

1.5-lb. Bag **4.99**

Gwaltney Jumbo Franks or
Sliced Bologna

99¢
1-lb.
Pkg.

Assorted
Maxwell House Coffee
3.99
34.5-39 Oz.
Can

Ragu Assorted
Spaghetti Sauce
2.26 **3**
26-oz.
Jars

Apple Jacks, Corn Pops, Cocoa Krispies or Smart Start
Kellogg's Cereals
2 **5**
15-17 Oz.
Boxes

Brawny
Paper
Towels.....Each Roll **79¢**

Squeeze
Shurfine
Ketchup..36-oz. Btl. **99¢**

In Oil or Water
Starkist
Tuna.....**2** **1**
6-oz. Cans

Sprite, Barq's, Dr. Pepper or
Coke
Products..**3** **6**
6-Pack
1/2-ltr. Btl.

Deli/Bakery Specials

Boar's Head
Honey Maple
Ham
5.99
Lb.

Boar's Head
Muenster
Cheese
3.69
Lb.

Frozen Food & Dairy

Assorted Meat
Swanson
Pot Pies **2** **1**
7-oz.
Pkg.

Assorted 1/2-Gals.
Blue Bell Ice Cream...**2** **.77**

Assorted Varieties
Dutch Farm
Shredded
Cheese **3** **5**
8-oz.
Pkg.

Cinnamon
Mexico
Cinnamon or
Crescent Rolls **4** **5**
8-oz.
Pkg.

Choice Supermarket

200 W. Railroad St. Long Beach, MS 39560
Store Hours: Sunday Thru Thurs. 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Diamondhead Supermarket
4402 Aloha Drive Diamondhead, MS 39525
Store Hours: Sunday Thru Thurs. 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Waveland Market Center

715 Highway 90 Waveland, MS 39576
Store Hours: Sunday Thru Thurs. 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.
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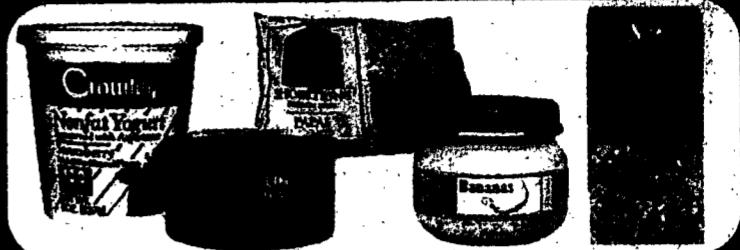
Choice Supermarket

25 Hardy Court Gulfport, MS 39507
Store Hours: Sunday Thru Thurs. 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Leap Year "One Day" 29¢ Sale

Sunday Feb. 29, 2004

All products while supplies last -
See store for limits - No sales to dealers -
One Day Only, Sunday, Feb., 29, 2004.



Assorted Flavors
Crowley
Yogurt.....8-Oz. Cup **29¢**

Armour
Potted
Meat.....3-Oz. Can **29¢**

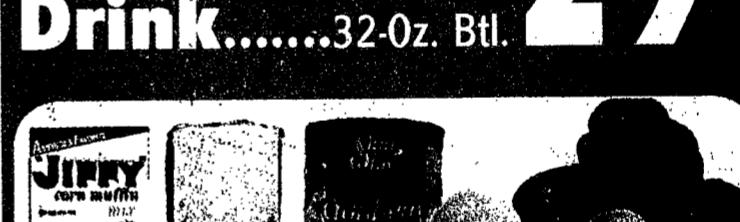
Shurfine
Mac & Cheese
Dinner.....7.3-Oz. Box **29¢**

Shurfine
Long Grain
Rice.....1-Lb. Bag **29¢**

Gerber Assorted Varieties
First Years
Baby Food...4-Oz. Jar **29¢**

T.J. Farms
Shoestring
Potatoes.....20-Oz. Bag **29¢**

Powerade
Matrix
Drink.....32-Oz. Btl. **29¢**



J.J. Fruit
Fried
Pies.....Each **29¢**

Velvet
Paper
Towels.....Each **29¢**

Jiffy
Corn
Muffin Mix...8-Oz. Pkg. **29¢**

Shurfine
Cranberry
Sauce.....16-Oz. Can **29¢**

Sweet
Yellow
Onions.....Lb. **29¢**

Large
Green
Peppers.....Each **29¢**

Shurfine
Elbow
Macaroni....8-Oz. Pkg. **29¢**

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